



17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

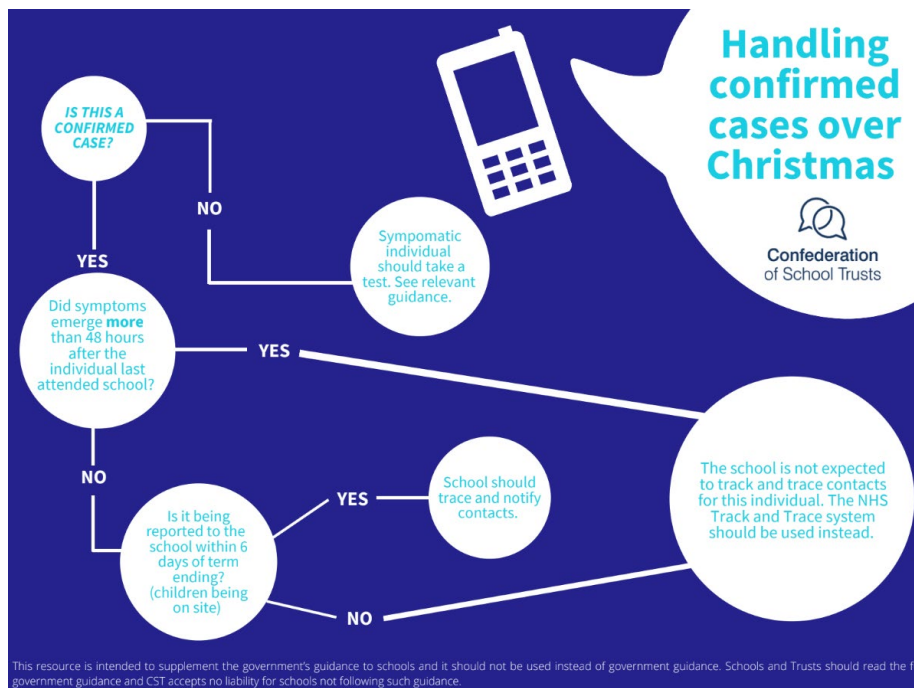
## RE: Important information below about track and trace in the holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I could not let 2020 come to an end without thanking our whole school community for your support this year. I know many of you have already thanked our staff for their sterling efforts to keep the school running as normally as possible in the face of so many challenges. I cannot convey how much we all appreciate every kind word and gesture from our pupils and parents. I would like in turn to thank you for your support. This year has been like no other, and we have not been able to run as we normally would, which we appreciate has sometimes impacted on you. Far from complain, you have all been flexible, understanding and supportive. Thank you.

As we reach the end of term, I hope everyone can rest and recuperate ready for 2021. As a school, we are still responsible for track & trace up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, as per this guidance from the government:

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*
- *For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the parents and carers must contact the school (via [principal@harriers-aspirations.org](mailto:principal@harriers-aspirations.org)) so we can trace and notify contacts.*
- *School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching: Wednesday 23 December.*



To inform the school you must email [principal@harriers-aspirations.org](mailto:principal@harriers-aspirations.org). The email address will be checked regularly for the first 6 days of the holidays. Please do not try to inform us of positive cases via any other means.

Prior to returning to school, please inform us of any absence, including Covid related, via the usual channels. If your child is experiencing symptoms or isolating awaiting any family test results, please do not attend.

We hope you all have a fun, relaxing and safe Christmas Holidays. Enjoy yourselves, but please also follow the government guidance so we can all return to school safely in January.

Thank you for all your support in 2020, roll on 2021!!!!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Pearson', with a small flourish at the end.

Alex Pearson  
Executive Principal